



# *Guiding Light*

February 2022



## **TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH** *a Jodo Shinshu Temple*

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### Upcoming Services

All services in February will be broadcast on Zoom. We hope that the restrictions will be lifted on February 21<sup>st</sup> and we can start in-person services in March. \*Please check the website for confirmation. **Please remember to register if you will be attending the services in-person.**

Bilingual services are held in English and Japanese.

		Kids' Sangha 10:30 am	11:00 AM	1:00 PM
		Zoom	Zoom	Zoom
February 6, 2022	Monthly Memorial	English	English	Japanese
February 13, 2022	Regular Service	None	English	None
February 20, 2022	Nirvana Day Service	English	Bilingual	None
February 27, 2022	Regular Service	None	English	None
March 6, 2022	Monthly Memorial	*English	*English	*Japanese

### **To Register for Services:**

Visit our Website at <https://tbc.on.ca/>

Email us at: [tbc@tbc.on.ca](mailto:tbc@tbc.on.ca)

#### **General Requirements/Protocols for Service Attendees**

*To help reduce and minimize exposure to and to control the spread of COVID-19, the following protocols will be implemented for those attending in-person services.*

1. Please pre-register for services before Friday at noon.
2. Walk-ins will be admitted if space allows. It is highly recommended that you pre-register.
3. Upon entering the temple please sanitize your hands and sign in with contact information.
4. Anyone who is not feeling well, suspects they have been exposed to COVID-19, or is not vaccinated and has

travelled outside the country within the previous 2 weeks should stay home.

5. Everyone will be required to wear a proper face covering while they are inside the temple
6. **PLEASE DO NOT MOVE THE CHAIRS** which are placed 6 feet apart.
7. Please leave your offering in the offertory box.
8. At the end of the service, **PLEASE DO NOT CONGREGATE IN THE FOYER.** There will be no refreshments in the social hall until restrictions are lifted.

### **SELF CONFIDENCE**

As you know, our temple closed its doors in January due to Omicron. It was a difficult decision for us, but I hope you understand. Even though we cannot invite you to the temple on Sunday, we continue the online Buddhist Sunday service over zoom. I hope you enjoy attending our Buddhist service and have an opportunity to place your palms together with others.

Our temple invited Rev. Grant Ikuta to our *Ho'onko* (報恩講) service as a guest minister on January 16<sup>th</sup>. *Ho'onko* service is the most important service for Jodo

Shinshu Buddhism. *Ho'onko* literally means “Dharma gathering for acknowledging indebtedness” and the service gives us a great opportunity to show our respectful mind to Shinran Shonin. Rennyō Shonin urged us to reflect deeply on Shinran’s teachings at this time. Rennyō Shonin explained that the significance of *Ho'onko* is to resolve the problem of Shinjin – the entrusting heart –.” Realizing Shinjin is the most important thing and is the essence of acknowledging our indebtedness to Shinran Shonin.

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**SELF CONFIDENCE**, continued

When I hold and attend Ho'onko services in Canada, it always reminds me of the time I attended Ho'onko services at the Nishi-Hongwanji temple as a Gonshiki student. Nishi-Hongwanji holds the Ho'onko services 7 days in January. They hold service 44 times during the 7 days. During that period, many activities are held. The activities allows us the opportunity to encounter Buddha Dharma through listening to Dharma Talks and looking at Buddhist rituals. For example, there is a Dharma Talk marathon on January 15<sup>th</sup> from 7 pm to 6 am. 26 Buddhist ministers take turns doing Dharma Talks through the night until early morning. Hongwanji prepares two spaces for them so that Buddhist members can choose whose Dharma Talk they want to listen to. When I attended the Dharma Talk marathon as an audience member, I saw that some people brought their sleeping bags. Even though they must have booked a hotel, they didn't go back to the hotel, instead, slept in the Dharma Talk room, because they really wanted to listen to the Talks as much as possible. After they listened to over 10 Dharma talks for 6 hours a day, they moved to Hongwanji to attend the Ho'onko rituals.

My friend, who attended the services with me, said that he felt it was like a Nembutsu Tsunami in the Hondo because over a thousand people recited Nembutsu together toward the Shinran Shonin's statue. Their services were very beautiful and meaningful for us.

By the way, I heard that some people, who read the GL article liked my last GL article, because I used an example from Ted Talks. Today, I would like to introduce another speaker from the Ted Talk and explain the teachings of Jodo Shinshu through his topic.

The speaker's name was Dr. Ivan Josef. He was a soccer coach in a University. When he taught soccer, many students and their parents asked him what he looked for when he was scouting new players. He said that the most important thing is self-confidence. Without that self-confidence, they are useless as a soccer player. Because when they lose sight or belief in themselves, they are done for. He also explained the easiest way to build self-

confidence. It was repetition, repetition, and repetition.

When I heard that, I was a little bit disappointed with him, because it is the simplest way, but it's the most difficult way, too, for me. I thought he had a magic button to build self-confidence. After listening to his Ted Talk, I remembered what it was like when I was in high school. When I was a high school student, I belonged to a gymnastic club. When I started gymnastics, it was too late for me because my height was too tall and I didn't have enough muscle as a gymnast. But I didn't want to give up and practiced every day. When I started to practice, I was not able to stand on my head. But after 2 years, I was able to do a backflip and use rings, horizontal bar, parallel bars, and pommel horse because of repetition, repetition, and repetition. And this repetition gave me self-confidence.

The more you practice, the more self-confidence you gain. But what about Buddhism? When I was studying Buddhism in Japan, one of my senseis said, "The more you study Buddhism, the more you question confidence in yourself, because Buddhism is a reflection of you. When we listen to the Jodo Shinshu teachings, we learn and realize our true nature." The true nature has *Bonno* (煩惱), our base passions or worldly desires. *Bonno* is often referred to as "Blind Passion," because although we may often see these passions in others and may think that we understand them, more often than not, we fail to see them in ourselves. Therefore, we believe or assume that we are always right. And we complain or want to say bad things about others, because we think others create suffering for us, even though we don't realize our *Bonno* makes this suffering.

But what is the real suffering we have caused with *Bonno*? It is "not being able to do what you want." In Buddhism, we say "Not being able to do what we want is the real suffering." For example, "not having enough money" is not really suffering. It's the fact that I can't get what I want because I don't have money that is suffering. "Difficult relationships" is not really suffering. We are suffering because there are people who don't listen to our opinions, or they

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**SELF CONFIDENCE**, continued

don't know what we want them to do. In other words, the real root of suffering is that things don't go as we want them to. Unfortunately, it's difficult to realize the root of suffering even though we are our cause of suffering. Therefore, *Bonno* is referred to as "Blind Passion."

When we realize that we have *Bonno*, and when we know the compassion of Amida Buddha, who doesn't abandon us, we cannot help but place our palms together and recite the Nembutsu. The Nembutsu lets us know that we entrust the Buddha who has immeasurable light as higher wisdom and immeasurable life as great compassion.

Today, I write about self-confidence and explained

about the *Bonno* in Jodo Shinshu. I hope when we listen to the teaching of the Buddha and learn Jodo Shinshu's teachings, we realize our *Bonno* and gratitude to Amida Buddha through the Nembutsu, and how this affects our self-confidence. I hope we can recite Nembutsu together in the temple soon in person.

In Gassho

Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi

**OBITUARIES**

The Toronto Buddhist Church wishes to extend its deepest condolences to the families, relatives and friends of the following individuals who have passed away.

If we have missed any names, please notify the Temple office so that we may update our records.

Thank You ,

In Gassho , Toronto Buddhist Church

Mr. Shigeo Uyeda

90 yrs

December 28, 2021

**Buddhist Time**

***"Bodhisattva Dharmakara, in [its] final causal stage,***

***Made [its] Primal Vow, incomparable and all-embracing;***

***[The Bodhisattva] established [its] supreme Vow of great compassion.***

***Five kalpas of profound thought passed in [the Bodhisattva's] selection; then,***

***With the perfect fruit of enlightenment, this Vow was fulfilled;***

***Ten kalpas have passed since its consummation.***

***The life of Amida is infinite, no measure can be taken."***

(from *Hymns on the Nembutsu and True Shinjin* from

Shinran Shonin's *Passages on the Pure Land Way*. CWS pp 304)

These passages include Buddhist measures for *time*. According to the sutra which Shinran referenced to write these verses, it took 5 *kalpas* for Bodhisattva Dharmakara to contemplate and bring to fruition the Pure Land and become Amida Buddha, and 10 *kalpas* have passed since it was established. We have seen the term *kalpa* in other texts and readings - have you ever wondered how long a *kalpa* is? It has been described to me as the time it would take for a cement block 1km<sup>3</sup> to be worn down to nothing if a celestial being swooped down and brushed its sheer sleeve along the top of it once every hundred years. Of course, this is

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**Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of March**

Our monthly memorial services (shotsuki) are usually held on the first Sunday of each month to remember and honour those who have passed away in that month regardless of year.

Usually, mail reminders are sent out to the next of kin but due to changing circumstances we have not always been able to reach families and hope that by publishing the names of those who have passed, we can still reach and remind families and dear friends of the month of their loved ones honouring.

Below is our listing of our members and supporters who have passed away during the month of March. All are invited and welcome to attend.

<b>AKADA, Kinyemon</b>	<b>IIDA, Hideo</b>	<b>KUMAGAI, Yasuyuki</b>	<b>NISHIMURA, Yosojiro</b>
<b>AKADA, Shigeru</b>	<b>IJIMA, Matazo</b>	<b>KUROKAWA, Meiji</b>	<b>NISHIMURA, Chiyo Frances</b>
<b>AMEMORI, Asa</b>	<b>IKEDA, Haruo</b>	<b>MAIKAWA, Kiyo</b>	<b>NISHIMURA, Constance Yumi</b>
<b>AMEMORI, Mitsuo</b>	<b>INAMOTO, Tojuro</b>	<b>MAKIMOTO, Shizuko</b>	<b>NISHIZAKI, Jack Hideo</b>
<b>AMEMORI, Rinji</b>	<b>INATA, Shigeru</b>	<b>MARK, Yasuko</b>	<b>NISHIZAKI, Joe Yoshio</b>
<b>AMEMORI, Torao</b>	<b>IRIZAWA, Shizuka</b>	<b>MATSUMOTO, Fumiko</b>	<b>NOSE, Shigezayemon</b>
<b>AOYAMA, Koshiro</b>	<b>ISHIDA, Tsuru</b>	<b>MATSUMOTO, Tetsu</b>	<b>NOSE, Stuart Eijiro</b>
<b>BABA, Masao</b>	<b>ISHIKAWA, Shozo</b>	<b>MATSUMOTO, Yuki</b>	<b>ODA, Kimiko A</b>
<b>CHENG, Norma Masaye</b>	<b>ISOGAI, Isao</b>	<b>MAYUMI, Ichiro</b>	<b>OHARA, Thomas Shunichi</b>
<b>DATE, Kenzaburo</b>	<b>ISOSHIMA, Mas</b>	<b>MENDE, Ronald Masaichi</b>	<b>OHASHI, Tomekichi</b>
<b>EBATA, Jeannie</b>	<b>ITO, Chusaburo</b>	<b>MINEMOTO, Mitsuo</b>	<b>OKAZAKI, Marie Yoshiko</b>
<b>EDAMURA, Fumi</b>	<b>JACKSON, John Joseph</b>	<b>MIYASAKI, Herbie Masao</b>	<b>OKIHIRO, Koichiro</b>
<b>ELLIS, Emi</b>	<b>KADOHAMA, George Katsuyuki</b>	<b>MIZUYABU, Carl Kazumi</b>	<b>OKU, Haruko</b>
<b>ENDO, Masatomo</b>	<b>KAMATA, Yoko</b>	<b>MORI, Ben</b>	<b>OMOTO, Tokujiro</b>
<b>FUJIBAYASHI, Chiyo</b>	<b>KAMINO, Michael</b>	<b>MORI, Hikobei</b>	<b>ONAMI, Tomiji</b>
<b>FUKAKUSA, Shigeru</b>	<b>KAWAGUCHI, Itsuno</b>	<b>MORI, Shige</b>	<b>ONISHI, Kazuo Jack</b>
<b>FUKUSAWA, Sam</b>	<b>KESHIKAWA, Gisaburo</b>	<b>MORI, Sukegoro</b>	<b>SAKAI, Kahei</b>
<b>FUKUZAWA, Sada</b>	<b>KIKUCHI, Kiju</b>	<b>MORITA, Sumi</b>	<b>SAKAUYE, Shigeo</b>
<b>HAMADE, Hana</b>	<b>KINOSHITA, Kiyoshi</b>	<b>MURAKAMI, Roy Tsuneyuki</b>	<b>SANO, Yuwa</b>
<b>HASHIMOTO, Fusae</b>	<b>KITAMURA, Miyo</b>	<b>NAGAHARA, Kayo</b>	<b>SASAKI, Minato</b>
<b>HASHIZUME, Kane</b>	<b>KITAMURA, Shinichi</b>	<b>NAKAGAWA, Akira</b>	<b>SASAKI, Lisa Miyumi</b>
<b>HAYASHI, Miwa</b>	<b>KITAMURA, Yoshiye</b>	<b>NAKAGAWA, George Kiyokazu</b>	<b>SATO, Shingo</b>
<b>HAYASHI, Tsunekichi</b>	<b>KITAZAKI, Ronald Yoshisumi</b>	<b>NAKAGAWA, Tojiro</b>	<b>SATO, Takeko</b>
<b>HAYASHI, George Toshio</b>	<b>KOBAYASHI, Isojiro</b>	<b>NAKAGAWA, Yoshiko</b>	<b>SEIRIKI, Fukutaro</b>
<b>HIRAKI, Chikai</b>	<b>KONDO, Tome</b>	<b>NAKAMICHI, Sugi</b>	<b>SEKO, Chiyo</b>
<b>HIRAKI, Sawa</b>	<b>KONISHI, Masaharu</b>	<b>NAKAMURA, Dick Ichizo Joe</b>	<b>SHIBATA, Tome</b>
<b>HIRANO, Tomisaburo</b>	<b>KONO, Kyonosuke</b>	<b>NAKATA, Shige</b>	<b>SHIBATA, Toshihiro</b>
<b>HIRASAWA, John Oliver</b>	<b>KOTANI, Fred Tatsuo</b>	<b>NISHIDERA, Yuki</b>	<b>SHIGA, Shizuko</b>
<b>HIRASAWA, Takeo</b>	<b>KOZAI, Eiko</b>	<b>NISHIHAMA, Takashi</b>	<b>SHIKATANI, Julie Hisaye</b>
<b>HIRATA, Shizuo</b>	<b>KOZAI, Minoru</b>	<b>NISHIMURA, Mitsuo</b>	
<b>HORI, Toshio</b>	<b>KUMABE, Kazuo Gerry</b>	<b>NISHIMURA, Tsuya</b>	
<b>HUANG, James</b>	<b>KUMAGAI, Misa</b>	<b>NISHIMURA, Yoshiye</b>	
<b>IDENOUE, Hanako</b>			
<b>IDENOUE, Kuyemon</b>			

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**Memorial (Shotsuki) Listing for the Month of March , continued**

SHIMODA, Masakazu	TAKATA, Toyoaki	TANIISHI, Shizue	WALL, Donald George
SHINMOTO, Yoshiyuki	TAKAYAMA, Kimiye	TANINO, Masuye	WARNER, Mitsuye Mitzi
SHISHIDO, Shiu	TANABE, George	TEHARA, Tetsuko	WATADA, Matsujiro
SHOJI, Yaeko Elsie	TANABE, Iya	TETAKA, Hatsumi	WATANABE, John Isao
SUEFUJI, Akie	TANAKA, Fujimatsu	TSUBOUCHI, Fumiko	WATANABE, Larry Masato
SUEFUJI, Toshiaki	TANAKA, Sataro	TSUJI, Kimie	YAKO, Kiri
SUGIYAMA, Takeshi	TANAKA, Takayuki	TSUJI, Tami	YAMAMOTO, Haruko
TAGUCHI, Shigeru	TANAKA, Chisato	TSUJI, Nancy Yaeko	YAMASHITA, Jihei
TAHARA, Sadaichi	TANAKA, Herbert Haruyoshi	TSUJIMOTO, Otozo	YAMASHITA, Masayuki
TAJIRI, Torao	TANAKA, Roger Hideo	UYEDA, Mike Masahiro	YOSHIDA, Takeo
TAJIRI, Misuye	TANIISHI, Rosemary Shigeko	UYESUGI, Juichi	YOSHIKAWA, Yukiyoshi
TAJIRI, Ronald Akira		UYESUGI, Tomoichi	
TAKATA, Misuyo		WAKABAYASHI, Kino	

**BUDDHIST TIME, Continued**

not a scientific measurement, but in Buddhist cosmology, it is meant to describe an aeon, a time in which a universe is created and destroyed (to be regenerated again).

As we move into the second month of the year, I am going through the annual tradition of being shocked that we have started a new year. Every year, I say “I can’t believe it’s already 20(whatever year it is)!” The New Year makes January a time in which I become more aware of the passage of *time*. For me as a Jodo Shinshu Buddhist, I find the observance of Ho’onko, the memorial for Shinran Shonin in January, as another event that makes me feel *time* more acutely. If you read my article in the December 2021 issue of the *Guiding Light*, you will have read how so much time - almost 800 years - has passed since Shinran passed to the Pure Land, and the immeasurable causes and conditions it has taken for Shinran’s exposition of Amida Buddha and the Pure Land to reach us, here in Toronto in the year 2022. I take Ho’onko as an opportunity for me to reflect on the Nembutsu teaching and the ways it is meaningful to me.

It is a strange experience sometimes, to live life in the context of Buddhism. With the infinite, timeless compassion of Amida Buddha, immeasurable time frames like *kalpa*, and even the measurable histories like the life of Shinran, my life seems like a mere ‘blip’. But that doesn’t

mean I’m insignificant! I am well in the compassion and wisdom of Amida, right now. Being able to live right now with the Nembutsu - with Namu Amida Butsu - gives me a sense of comfort. I don’t think everything will be fun and easy in 2022; I won’t even *like* some of it! I know there will be difficulties and even pain, but I believe ultimately, I’ll be able to get through it in the compassion of Amida Buddha.

Moving into the second month of the year, settled right back down after the winter holidays, I invite you to think about the meaning you draw from Namu Amida Butsu, as we move through 2022 together in the Nembutsu.

Joanne Yuasa Sensei



**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH**

**Date:** Sunday, March 20, 2022

**Time:** 2:00 pm

**Place:** The AGM will be a Virtual Meeting. Important information and instructions regarding access to, attendance at and participation in the Virtual Meeting are set out in Schedule A attached hereto

The Board of Directors of Toronto Buddhist Church wishes to notify all members of the Annual General Meeting of Members which will be held virtually at the time, date and in the manner described in Schedule A attached to this Notice, and cordially invites all members to attend and vote on the matters raised at the Meeting. The following matters will be raised at the Meeting:

1. Approval of the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday May 16, 2021;
2. Presentation of Financial Statements of the Temple for the year ended October 31, 2021;
3. Consideration and approval of the Budget for the year ending October 31, 2022;
4. Election of President and Director;
5. Election of Directors;

Such other business as may properly come before the Meeting.

A second Notice of the Meeting with further details will be posted in the Guiding Light for March 2022. Please note that while attendance at the Virtual Meeting is open to all friends of the Temple, only members\* of the Temple who notify the Temple in writing that they will attend the Virtual Meeting or otherwise make a request in writing will receive the Meeting materials and be entitled to speak and vote on any matters coming before the meeting. **Please review carefully the information contained in Schedule A regarding access to and participation in the Virtual Meeting.**

If you are unable to attend the Meeting, you may nominate a Proxy to vote at the Meeting on your behalf by completing the form of Proxy attached to this Notice as Schedule B. You may nominate Donna Nakano or another member of the Temple of your choice as your Proxy. To be valid, properly completed Proxies may be mailed or sent electronically to the Temple and must be received by the Temple on or before March 16, 2022.

\*A member of the Temple is (a) one who has been designated by the Temple as an honorary member, or (b) an individual whose written application for membership has been accepted and who has paid his or her membership fee for 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

**SCHEDULE A**

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ACCESS TO, ATTENDANCE AT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE VIRTUAL AGM OF TORONTO CHURCH AT 2:00 PM ON SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022

To ensure the health and safety of all, and to comply with current provincial restrictions on social gathering, our AGM will be held virtually via Zoom meetings. You will be able to participate in our AGM using your computer, smart phone or tablet (or by dialing in with a standard phone) and will be able to follow the discussion, ask questions and vote all from the comfort of your home.

Members planning to attend, please register with the office by email at [tbc@tbc.on.ca](mailto:tbc@tbc.on.ca) or by phone (416) 534-4302 and a package of meeting materials will be mailed to you if we receive your registration by March 4, 2022. The meeting link together with more detailed information about the virtual meeting procedures and protocols will be sent closer to the date of the AGM.

**SCHEDULE B**

**TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**March 20, 2022, 2:00 PM**

**PROXY**

**To: The Board of Directors of Toronto Buddhist Church**

I, the undersigned, am a member of Toronto Buddhist Church. By means of this Proxy, I hereby appoint (check one of the two boxes below):

**Donna Nakano**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Print name of member you choose as Proxy),

as my nominee to attend at the Annual General Meeting of Toronto Buddhist Church to be held on March 20, 2022 with full power and authority to act and vote on my behalf on all matters coming before the Meeting to the same extent as I would be entitled to act and vote if I were personally present at such Meeting.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

**This Proxy must be returned to Toronto Buddhist Church by mail or electronically and received by the Temple on or before March 16, 2022.**

**KEIROKAI 2022**

It has now been two years since we cancelled our first service which happened to be Ohigan and the Keirokai celebration. Every year we look forward to celebrating and honouring our temple elders and show our gratitude during our Keirokai event.

It is hard to believe that once again we will likely be celebrating 2022 Keirokai as a virtual event.

We would like to recognize members who have reached or who will reach the age of 77(Kiju), 88 (Beiju), 99 (Hakuju) years, and 100 (Kakuju) years and older in 2022. While we most likely cannot celebrate in person, we would like to feature our honourees during our Ohigan Service on **March 20, 2022 at 11:00 am** via Zoom. Please fill out the form below or send the information via email to [tbc@tbc.on.ca](mailto:tbc@tbc.on.ca) with the subject line "Keirokai" by March 6, 2022. Please include a picture of yourself that we can show during the service.

*Remember to fill out your honorary membership form!*

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**2022 KEIROKAI HONOUREE**

Name (English): Mr./Mrs/Miss.

\_\_\_\_\_

Last Name in Kanji (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ *Please circle: 77 88 99 100+*

Will you be attending our Zoom Service on March 20th? Yes No

Would you attend the service in-person if that is an option? Yes No

Did you include a picture of yourself (honouree). Yes No

Email to send Zoom invitation \_\_\_\_\_

CALLING ALL SANGHA KIDS



FEBRUARY'S THEME: "Perseverance"

February 20, 2022 –

Let's talk about Nirvana Day  
A family day craft



Looking ahead to March 2022.

As the temple remains closed at this time, we are unsure as to whether or not we can offer indoor Kids Sangha Services and classroom activities in March.

Please stay tuned for more information regarding programming for March. An email will be sent out if Kids Sangha resumes at the temple.

To join our mailing list, please email us at  
[Kids.sanghatbc@gmail.com](mailto:Kids.sanghatbc@gmail.com)

Let's get creative!

Have you ever tried writing your own Haiku?

Haiku is a form of Japanese poetry. The poem is made up of three lines. The first line is 5 syllables. The second line is 7 syllables and the third line is 5 syllables. You can choose to follow the 5-7-5 syllable style, or decide you want to adjust the number of syllables. Here's an example.

The snow falls without a sound  
Its beauty covers everything  
A squirrel stops to watch.



Share your haiku poems with us. You can send them to the email below. Look out for them in our next Guiding Light newsletter.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jessica or Yumi at [Kids.sanghatbc@gmail.com](mailto:Kids.sanghatbc@gmail.com)

With gratitude,  
Jessica and Yumi



# HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR YOUR 2022 TBC MEMBERSHIP?

SOME MAY SAY, "WELL, WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?"

One could remind us of the following entitlements. You can:

1. Attend special Temple activities free of charge or at rates not available to non-members;
2. Take advantage of free notarial services offered by one of our Temple members; and,
3. Have a real say on important matters affecting the direction of the Temple, including the election of the President and the Directors, and the approval of budgets.

## **TBC WILL BE THERE FOR YOU BUT NEEDS ASSISTANCE**

Supporting the Temple provides you with something that you can't tangibly quantify and put a price on. It's actually something you do for yourself and for our community. That is, your support is your affirmation of the Jodo Shinshu way of life and to support and spread the Dharma. This is what it's really about.

Please make that commitment for 2022. The Temple needs your support to continue to thrive, and it will with your support.

### **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP** (valid Jan 1 - Dec 31)

- To be recognized as a Temple member, please complete the application form as early as possible at the start of each year
- Membership card will be sent once your signed application and membership fee or your promise to pay the total fee have been received
- Please note membership this year is a minimum of \$140.00

### **HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP**

- Issued to all members 77 years of age & over
- Honourary Members do not need to pay any annual membership fees, although all donations are always welcome
- If already an Honourary member simply fill out a membership form each year to confirm your wish to continue Honourary Membership

Can't make it to the Temple? You can submit your application and membership fee online at [tbc.on.ca](http://tbc.on.ca)



# TORONTO BUDDHIST CHURCH

*A Jodo Shinshu Temple*

## 2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**In the case of couples, please complete information for each applicant individually.**

Applicant    Renewal ( )    New ( )                      Mr. ( ) Mrs. ( ) Ms. ( )

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: dd/mm/yy: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

I promise to pay \$\_\_\_\_\_ as my Membership Fee for 2022 and am enclosing the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ on account of such fee. I will pay the balance of my Membership Fee, if any, by May 31, 2022. By signing this Membership Application I hereby adopt the vow below.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a Guiding Light mailed to me - English Only \_\_\_\_\_ English/Japanese \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize Toronto Buddhist Church and Jodo Shinshu Buddhist Temples of Canada (JSBTC) to send future mailings and e-mails. I understand I am able to opt out at any time by notifying the Temple. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

As a member of Toronto Buddhist Church, I:

1. Recognize and accept that our Temple is based on the Jodo Shinshu Pure Land Teachings;
2. Vow to strive to live a life of gratitude and to do my best to care for the welfare of society; and
3. Vow to observe and uphold the Charter and By-laws of the Temple.

トロント仏教会の護持会員として、次の通り誓約いたします。

- 1、お寺を浄土真宗のみ教えに従う人々が集うところとします。
- 2、報恩感謝の生活を送り、自他ともに心豊かに生きることのできる社会の実現に貢献します。
- 3、会則を厳守します。

Please note that this application is for membership from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022. The Individual Membership Fee for 2022 is a minimum of \$140. However, the Temple welcomes and will be grateful for any amount over and above this minimum fee.

A tax receipt will be issued for the total Membership amount paid.

Please do not use Offering envelopes to pay membership fees. Instead, please insert them in separate plain envelopes clearly marked "For Membership". Please make any cheques payable to Toronto Buddhist Church.

A SEPARATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL APPLYING. PLEASE SUBMIT A SEPARATE PAYMENT FOR 'MEMBERSHIP ONLY'. PLEASE DO NOT COMBINE WITH DONATIONS.

## TBC “Find Your Treasure” Fundraising table

After two years of having to cancel the temple bazaar, we are starting a “Japan Wares corner” in the TBC lobby as an on-going fundraiser for the temple. We will have a couple of tables of antique and vintage housewares and decorative objects made in Japan; many unused and in their original packaging. If you’re looking for authentic Japanese dolls, ceramics, lacquerware, glassware and other items, please come take a look next time you’re at temple for a service! We will always have a different collection of items on sale.

Please note:

- All sales will take place *after services* at the temple
- All sales will be by cash or cheque
- Sales will not come with receipts for income tax purposes (as it is a sale of items)
- All sales will be final



## UNDERSTANDING THE FOUR NOBLE TRUTHS



Thursday, March 10th, 2022 at 7pm Mountain

The Four Noble Truths are core to our sect of Jodo

Shinshu Buddhism. This workshop will be led by our Sensei Robert Gubenco.

Register online: <https://bit.ly/Noble-10Mar22>

## How to donate to Toronto Buddhist Church

While TBC has had to have its doors closed to visitors for most of the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, the business of spreading the Shin Buddhist teachings to our sangha and beyond continues. Forwarding a financial donation will help prepare TBC to welcome everyone back to temple.

There are 3 ways to donate to TBC from home:

- **cheque:** mail to 1011 Sheppard Ave. West, Toronto, ON, M3H 2T7
- **E-transfer:** use email address [darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca](mailto:darlene.rieger@tbc.on.ca)
- **online donation via Paypal:** follow directions on [www.TBC.ca](http://www.TBC.ca) “Make a Donation” page

Please include the purpose of your donation, as well as your **full name, mailing address, email address, and phone number. This is particularly important if you’re donating by cheque or e-transfer.** This helps ensure you will receive a donation receipt for tax purposes. Detailed information can also be found on the TBC website: [www.tbc.on.ca](http://www.tbc.on.ca).

Your donations are always greatly appreciated.



## 2022 Eastern Buddhist League Conference

# DHARMA FRIENDS STAYING CONNECTED

Featuring Keynote Speaker:

## Rev. Dr. Takashi Miyaji



Rev. Miyaji is the H.E. Kosho Ohtani Professor of Shin Buddhist Studies professorial chair at the Institute of Buddhist Studies. He completed his doctoral dissertation at Ryukoku University. In addition he serves as part time minister at the Southern Alameda County Buddhist Church in Union City, CA. He is also the host of the podcast “No Doubt: A Shin Buddhist Approach”.

**February 12-13, 2022**

\*\*\* ON LINE \*\*\* FREE \*\*\*

For more information follow the Eastern Buddhist League on Facebook, or contact Tammy at [tswsmokey@msn.com](mailto:tswsmokey@msn.com).



**2022 SERVICES SCHEDULE****For: Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal and Ottawa****FEBRUARY**

- 6 Kid's Sangha Service 10:30 am  
 Monthly Memorial Services (Shotsuki) 11:00 am (E) 1:00 pm (J)
- 12 (Sat) Virtual EBL Convention 11:30 am – 8:00 pm
- 13 EBL Closing Service hosted by TBC (virtual) 11:00 am  
 \* **Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Nirvana Day Service (TBA)**
- 20 Kid's Sangha Service 10:30 am  
**Nehan-e Service** 11:00 am (E) 1:00 pm (J)
- 27 Regular Service 11:00 am

**MARCH**

- 6 Kid's Sangha Service 10:30 am  
 Monthly Memorial Services (Shotsuki) 11:00 am (E) 1:00 pm (J)
- 13 Regular Service 11:00 am  
 \* **Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Shotsuki and Higan Service (TBA)**
- 20 [Kid's Sangha Service 10:30 am](#)  
**Joint Ohigan Service (E & J)** 11:00 am
- 27 Regular Service 11:00 am  
 • **Montreal Buddhist Church: Spring Higan Service 2:30 pm**

**APRIL**

- 3 Kid's Sangha Service 10:30 am  
 Monthly Memorial Services (Shotsuki) 11:00 am (E) 1:00 pm (J)
- 10 Eshinni Day; Wife of Shinran Shonin Service 11:00 am \* **Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Hanamatsuri Service (TBA)**  
 \* **Manitoba Buddhist Church Hanamatsuri Service Guest: Rev. Yoshimichi Ouchi (TBA)**
- 17 Kid's Sangha Service 10:30 am  
**Hanamatsuri Service (E & J)** 11:00 am (E) 1:00 pm (J)
- 22-24 JSBTC Annual General Meetings, Steveston BC/Women's Federation Annual Meeting
- 24 JSBTC Tsuito Hoyo Service (virtual) (TBA)

**MAY**

- 1 Kid's Sangha Service 10:30 am  
 Monthly Memorial Services (Shotsuki) 11:00 am (E) 1:00 pm (J)
- 8 Regular Service 11:00 am  
 \* **Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Gotan-e Service (TBA)**
- 15 Kid's Sangha Service 10:30 am  
**Joint Gotan-e Service** 11:00 am (E & J)
- 22 Regular Service 11:00 am
- 29 Regular Service 11:00 am  
 \* **Montreal Buddhist Church: Gotan-e Service 2:30 pm**

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<b><u>JUNE</u></b>	<b>5</b>	Kid's Sangha Service 10:30 am Monthly Memorial Services (Shotsuki) 11:00 am (E) 1:00 pm (J)
	12	Regular Service 11:00 am <b>*Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Regular Service (TBA)</b>
	19	Kid's Sangha Service 10:30 am Regular Service 11:00 am
	26	Regular Service 11:00 am <b>* Montreal Buddhist Church Service 2:30 pm</b>
<b><u>JULY</u></b>	<b>3</b>	Monthly Memorial Services (Shotsuki) 11:00 am (E) 1:00 pm (J)
	9 (Sat)	Obon Cemetery Visit; Hakamairi Obon Service & Bon Odori Dance at JCCC (evening)
	10	<b>OBON SERVICES</b> Hatsubon Families Service (E & J) 9:00 am Obon Service (E) 11:00 am Obon Service (J) 1:00 pm
	17	* Summer Services begin 11:00 am <b>*Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Hakamari and Obon Service (TBA)</b> * Summer Service 11:00 am
	31	* Summer Service 11:00 am
<b><u>AUGUST</u></b>	<b>7</b>	Monthly Memorial Service (Shotsuki) <u>11:00 am (E) 1:00 pm (J)</u>
	14	* Summer Service 11:00 am
	21	* Summer Service 11:00 am
	28	* Summer Service 11:00 am
<b><u>SEPTEMBER</u></b>	<b>4</b>	* Summer Service 11:00 am <b>* Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Fall Higan Service (TBA)</b>
	11	Kid's Sangha Service 10:30 am Monthly Memorial Services 11:00 am (E) 1:00 pm (J)
	18	Kid's Sangha Service 10:30 am <b>Ohigan Services (Higan-e) 11:00 (E) 1:00 pm (J)</b>
	25	Regular Service 11:00 am <b>* Montreal Buddhist Church: Ohigan Service 2:30 pm</b>

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<b><u>OCTOBER</u></b>	<b>2</b>	Kid's Sangha Service 10:30 am Monthly Memorial Services (Shotsuki) 11:00 am (E) 1:00 pm (J)
	<b>9</b>	Regular Service 11:00 am <b>* Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Shotsuki Service (TBA)</b>
	<b>16</b>	Kid's Sangha Service 10:30 am <b>Joint JSBTC Day Service (E &amp; J) 11:00 am</b>
	<b>23</b>	Regular Service 11:00 am
	<b>30</b>	Regular Service 11:00 am
<b><u>NOVEMBER</u></b>	<b>6</b>	Kid's Sangha Service 10:30 am Monthly Memorial Services (Shotsuki) 11:00 am (E) 1:00 pm (J)
	<b>13</b>	Regular Service 11:00 am <b>* Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Regular Service (TBA)</b>
	<b>20</b>	<b>Eitaikyo Service 11:00 am (E) 1:00 pm (J)</b>
	<b>27</b>	Regular Service 11:00 am <b>* Montreal Buddhist Church: Eitaikyo Service 2:30 pm</b>
<b><u>DECEMBER</u></b>	<b>4</b>	Kid's Sangha Service 10:30 am Monthly Memorial Services (Shotsuki) 11:00 (E) 1:00 pm (J)
	<b>11</b>	Regular Service 11:00 am <b>* Hamilton Buddhist Temple: Bodhi Day Service 1:00 pm</b>
	<b>18</b>	Kid's Sangha Service 10:30 am Jodo-e Service 11:00 am (E) 1:00 pm (J)
	<b>25</b>	<b><u>No services</u></b>
	<b>31 (Sat)</b>	Joya-e Service Bell Ringing 11:30 pm

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